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## **SBA NAMES NEW MANAGER FOR MELVILLE, LONG ISLAND OFFICE**

### **Norman Hunte to lead SBA efforts in Long Island**

**NEW YORK** – Jose R. Sifontes, District Director of the SBA New York District Office, has announced the appointment of Norman Hunte as the new manager for the SBA's Melville, Long Island office.

In this capacity, Hunte will manage the delivery of the agency's financial assistance, management counseling, business development and minority enterprise development programs throughout Long Island.

"I am delighted that we could get someone of Norman Hunte's caliber to lead the Long Island office," said Sifontes. "His leadership will be critical in helping the SBA to have a larger impact on the Long Island economy. I believe that his private sector and small business advocacy experience will serve the small businesses of Long Island well as we move forward with the Administration's vision of an efficient, resourceful and customer-focused SBA."

Before becoming the Melville office manager, Hunte served as Chief of Marketing for the SBA's New York City office, with the responsibility of managing the SBA's marketing efforts in New York City and the Mid-Hudson /Westchester communities. Hunte joined the SBA in 1998 and was appointed Director of Programs for the SBA's One Stop Capital Shop at the Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone in Harlem. He managed all of the SBA's marketing and outreach programs to Empowerment Zone communities and also served as Special Advisor to the Business Resource and Investment Service Center. The BRISC program is an Empowerment Zone initiative that focuses on assisting small businesses located north of 96th Street in Manhattan from river to river.

Prior to joining the SBA, Hunte was Vice President in Charge of Loan Administration and Compliance for Citibank. He managed a \$365 million loan portfolio, covering loans to small businesses in Manhattan, Bronx and Westchester. Earlier in his career, he was the Deputy Credit Director for Citibank's Melville Office.

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“I am excited at the opportunity to have a role in advancing this Administration’s agenda of a stronger working relationship between government and small business, and to help expand the economy by creating greater opportunities for small business growth here in Long Island,” Hunte said.

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